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To minimize the burden of the Regulatory Program, the Corps uses general permits.

General permits, including NWP's, are an essential part of the Corps regulatory program, and provide us with the method we use to authorize 80% of the activities we regulate



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- Issued by the Chief of Engineers every 5 years
- designed to regulate with little, if any, delay or paperwork certain activities having minimal impacts.
- How many NWP's decisions annually ?



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- In 1977 , first Nationwide Permits were published in Corps regulations. Initially we had 12 NWPs and 7 NWP conditions
- In 1982 , there were 25 activity specific NWPs with 9 conditions
- In 2007, 49 NWPs, 28 general conditions (106 pages of Regulations, 6 pages of conditions) Simple !!!



FREQUENTLY USED NATIONWIDE PERMITS

- NWP 03 – Maintenance or Repair of Previously Authorized Structure or Fill
- NWP 12 - Utility Line Activities
- NWP 13 - Bank Stabilization
- NWP 14 - Linear Transportation Projects
- NWP 18 - Minor Discharges
- NWP 19 - Minor Dredging
- NWP 25 - Structural Discharges



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**Districts can add “Regional”
Conditions (more restrictive?)**

Can DE's can waive certain limits ?



NWP General Conditions

- **Total of 28 NWP General Conditions**
- **The General Conditions must be followed in order for any authorization by an NWP to be valid.**



General Condition 1 Protect Navigation



QUESTIONS

NWP verifications are good for how long ?

**Does an applicant need a verification letter
to proceed under a NWP ?**

Is mitigation required for a NWP ?



FINAL QUESTION

How do you know if your resource manager likes another ranger better than you ?

